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1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES. DEPT. HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY SUCH INQUIRIES RECENTLY.

2. Q. WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF U.S. POLICY TOWARDS SUDAN IN THE LIGHT OF PRESIDENT NIMIERI'S DECISION TO RELEASE TO THE PLO THE MURDERERS OF AMBASSADOR CLEO NOEL AND HIS DEPUTY GEORGE C. MOORE?

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A. AS YOU KNOW, THE ACTING SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF JUNE

25 EXPRESSED THE DISMAY AND EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THE SUDANESE DECISION. SINCE THEN WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A THOROUGH-GOING REVIEW OF US-SUDAN RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF PRESIDENT NIMIERI'S ACTION. AMBASSADOR BREWER WAS RECALLED FROM KHARTOUM. IN OUR VIEW THE SUDANESE DECISION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAD BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP WITH SUDAN SINCE RELATIONS WERE RESUMED IN 1972 AND WITH REPEATED SUDANESE ASSURANCES TO US THAT JUSTICE WOULD BE DONE IN THE BSO CASE. CLEARLY THE SUDDEN AND SURPRISING

SUDANESE DECISION IN THIS MATTER HAS CREATED A NEW SITUATION.

Q. BUT EXACTLY WHAT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS?

A. OUR ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN HAS BEEN MODEST BUT WE WERE ENGAGED IN EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH IT MIGHT USEFULLY BE EXPANDED. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY NEW HELP CANNOT NOW BE CONTEMPLATED. I THINK IT IS FAIR TO CONCLUDE FROM WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID THAT NEW ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDAN FOR THE PRESENT, IN VIEW OF THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. WE HAVE INFORMED OTHER U.S.G. AGENCIES TO THIS EFFECT. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN WOULD REMAIN UNAFFECTED, TO THE EXTENT CONGRESS MAY PERMIT.

Q. WILL AMBASSADOR BREWER BE RETURNING TO KHARTOUM?

A. AMBASSADOR BREWER WILL NOW BE TAKING HIS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED HOME LEAVE. THE TIMING OF HIS RETURN TO KHARTOUM WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN HE COMES BACK TO WASHINGTON IN MID-SEPTEMBER. KISSINGER

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